5/11/69

Dear Dick,

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to Lincoln. I have not heard from him since he acknowledged receipt of the book. I do not know his opinion of it. For some reason he did not arrange with Bantam to return it to him in the event they reached a negative decision, which at best slows things down. Bantam made a policy decision against such writing as mine in 1965. In addition, this book had already been submitted by a friend who has a friend who is an editor there. Which reminds me: If you have copies of any of the limited editions and have finished with them, I do need them. When you are here will be time enough.

Your mailing of the additions on frazier and Nicol arrived yesterday. I've had the first two pages, on Frazier, if you need them. On Nicol, might it not be good to wonder how it is that of all the "impartial" experts in the country he was selected, and he turns out to be the kind of expert who is satisfied not to do his own, impartial work? For example, had he connections or friendships with those involved, like Frazier, was he indebted to the FBI, etc?

I also have your 5/5/69 letter to John with your letter of that date. I have much the same opinion of Joy. However, he did make certain interesting observations long ago, in 1966, when he first raised these questions with me. He was the first to note the lateral angle of the so-called non-fatal shot. Be interesting to see if Hatcher, Hury and Weller address the point of the sequence, for from the testimony I became suspicious of this and the absence of markings on the brass. Cunningham may be, as you put it "in the clear" on this but not on other things, as I'll explain when you are here, including the spectrographic analysis.

If I didn't tell you, the range officer here also has Western ammo. He has been giving it away to friends as souvenirs.

I've heard nothing further from John. So, I do not know when the deadline is on filing a response to the government. I began it, have much done, but laid it aside because of the medical necessity of getting some vigorous exercise. I spend part of each day doing this. With Lil still working, I have the day-to-day things to do and that means there is little time for those things I want to do. In a short while, however, I'll be able to get back to the additions to COUP. I'm awaiting the outcome of the new Ray proceeding, which is now close.

In haste,